

1        **Clean Version Of The Pending Claims Under 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(3):**

2        **Claims 1-39**, now pending, are submitted below in accordance with 37  
3        C.F.R. §1.121(c)(3), which presents a clean version of the entire set of pending  
4        claims.

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6        1. (Unchanged) A method for establishing a trading relationship  
7        between trading partners involved in electronic commerce, the method comprising:  
8        retrieving configuration details associated with a potential trading partner  
9        from a remote site; and  
10        automatically configuring a trading relationship with the potential trading  
11        partner using the configuration details.

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13        2. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the retrieving  
14        comprises addressing a URL (universal resource locator) to access the  
15        configuration details.

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17        3. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the  
18        automatically configuring comprises:  
19        creating a trading partner record; and  
20        automatically populating the trading partner record with the configuration  
21        details.

1        4.    (Unchanged) In an electronic commerce trading system involving  
2 exchanges of commerce information over a network, a method comprising:  
3        collecting configuration details associated with a trading partner  
4 participating in the commerce trading system; and  
5        publishing the configuration details to a Web site.

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7        5.    (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the collecting  
8 comprises presenting a graphical user interface to enable a user to enter the  
9 configuration details.

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11       6.    (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the publishing  
12 comprises posting the configuration details to a URL (universal resource locator)  
13 at the Web site.

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15       7.    (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the Web site is  
16 associated with the trading partner.

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18       8.    (Unchanged) A method for establishing a trading relationship  
19 between trading partners involved in electronic commerce, the method comprising:  
20        creating a trading partner record for a potential trading partner;  
21        retrieving configuration details associated with the potential trading partner  
22 from a remote site; and  
23        populating the trading partner record with the configuration details retrieved  
24 from the remote site.  
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1        **9.**    (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 8, wherein the retrieving  
2 comprises addressing a URL (universal resource locator) to access the  
3 configuration details posted to a Web site.

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5        **10.**   (Unchanged) A method for establishing a trading relationship  
6 between first and second trading partners involved in electronic commerce, the  
7 method comprising:

8            collecting configuration details associated with the first trading partner;

9            publishing the configuration details to a Web site;

10           creating, at the second trading partner, a trading partner record for the first  
11 trading partner;

12           retrieving the configuration details associated with the first trading partner  
13 from the Web site; and

14           populating the trading partner record with the configuration details  
15 associated with the first trading partner.

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17        **11.**   (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the collecting  
18 comprises presenting a graphical user interface to enable a user to enter the  
19 configuration details.

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21        **12.**   (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the  
22 publishing comprises publishing the configuration details in XML format.

1       **13.**   (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the  
2 publishing comprises posting the configuration details to a URL (universal  
3 resource locator) at the Web site.

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5       **14.**   (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 13, wherein the retrieving  
6 comprises addressing the URL to access the configuration details posted to the  
7 Web site.

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9       **15.**   (Unchanged) A system comprising:  
10 a first computer system at a first trading partner;  
11 a second computer system at a second trading partner;  
12 a Web site;  
13 the first computer system collecting configuration details associated with  
14 the first trading partner and publish the configuration details to the Web site; and  
15 the second computer system retrieving the configuration details from the  
16 Web site and automatically configure for a trading relationship with the first  
17 trading partner using the configuration details.

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19       **16.**   (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the first  
20 computer system hosts the Web site.

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22       **17.**   (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the first  
23 computer system presents a graphical user interface to enable a user to enter the  
24 configuration details.  
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1       **18.**   (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the first  
2 computer system posts the configuration details in XML format.

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4       **19.**   (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the first  
5 computer system posts the configuration details to a URL (universal resource  
6 locator) at the Web site.

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8       **20.**   (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 19, wherein the second  
9 computer system addresses the URL to access the configuration details.

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11       **21.**   (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the second  
12 computer system creates a trading partner record and automatically populates the  
13 trading partner record with the configuration details.

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15       **22.**   (Unchanged) A electronic commerce system, comprising:  
16 a first component at a first trading partner, the first component collecting  
17 configuration details associated with the first trading partner and publishing the  
18 configuration details to a Web site; and

19 a second component at a second trading partner, the second component  
20 retrieving the configuration details from the Web site and automatically  
21 configuring a trading relationship with the second trading partner using the  
22 configuration details.

23. (Once Amended) A electronic commerce system as recited in claim 22, wherein the first component presents a graphical user interface to enable a user to enter the configuration details.

24. (Once Amended) A electronic commerce system as recited in claim 22, wherein the first component posts the configuration details to a URL (universal resource locator) at the Web site.

25. (Once Amended) A electronic commerce system as recited in claim 24, wherein the second component addresses the URL to access the configuration details.

26. (Once Amended) A electronic commerce system as recited in claim 22, wherein the second component creates a trading partner record and automatically populates the trading partner record with the configuration details.

27. (Unchanged) A software architecture for an electronic commerce system having trading partners that exchange data over a network, comprising:

first program code stored on a computer-readable medium at a first trading partner, the first program code having computer-executable instructions that, when executed by one or more processors, collect configuration details associated with the first trading partner and publish the configuration details to a Web site; and

second program code stored on a computer-readable medium at a second trading partner, the second program code having computer-executable instructions that, when executed by one or more processors, retrieve the configuration details

1 from the Web site and automatically configure a trading relationship with the  
2 second trading partner using the configuration details.

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4 **28.** (Unchanged) In an electronic commerce trading system involving  
5 exchanges of commerce information over a network, a computer-readable medium  
6 at a computer system participating in the commerce trading system storing  
7 computer-executable instructions for:

8 collecting configuration details associated with a trading partner that  
9 participates in electronic commerce; and

10 publishing the configuration details to a Web site.

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12 **29.** (Unchanged) In an electronic commerce trading system involving  
13 exchanges of commerce information over a network, a computer-readable medium  
14 at a computer system participating in the commerce trading system storing  
15 computer-executable instructions for:

16 creating a trading partner record for a potential trading partner that  
17 participates in electronic commerce;

18 retrieving configuration details associated with the potential trading partner  
19 from a Web site; and

20 populating the trading partner record with the configuration details retrieved  
21 from the Web site.

1       **30.**   (Added) A method for establishing a trading relationship between  
2 trading partners involved in electronic commerce, the method comprising:  
3       retrieving configuration details associated with a first potential trading  
4 partner from a remote site by a second potential trading partner;  
5       retrieving configuration details associated with the second potential trading  
6 partner from a remote site by the first potential trading partner; and  
7       automatically configuring a trading relationship with the first and the  
8 second potential trading partners using the configuration details.

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10       **31.**   (Added) A method as recited in claim 30, wherein the retrieving  
11 comprises addressing a URL (universal resource locator) to access the  
12 configuration details of the first and the second trading partners.

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14       **32.**   (Added) A method as recited in claim 30, wherein the automatically  
15 configuring comprises:  
16       creating a trading partner record; and  
17       automatically populating the trading partner record with the configuration  
18 details.

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20       **33.**   (Added) A method for establishing a trading relationship between  
21 first and second trading partners involved in electronic commerce, the method  
22 comprising:

23       collecting first and second configuration details associated with the first and  
24 the second trading partners, respectively;  
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1 publishing the first and second configuration details to at least one Web  
2 site;

3 creating, at the second trading partner, a trading partner record for the first  
4 trading partner;

5 creating, at the first trading partner, a trading partner record for the second  
6 trading partner;

7 retrieving the configuration details associated with the first trading partner  
8 from the Web site;

9 retrieving the configuration details associated with the second trading  
10 partner from the Web site;

11 populating the trading partner record of the second trading partner with the  
12 configuration details associated with the first trading partner; and

13 populating the trading partner record of the first trading partner with the  
14 configuration details associated with the second trading partner.

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16 **34.** (Added) A method as recited in claim 33, wherein the collecting  
17 comprises presenting a graphical user interface to enable a user to enter the  
18 configuration details.

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20 **35.** (Added) A method as recited in claim 33, wherein the publishing  
21 comprises publishing the configuration details in XML format.

1        36.    (Added) A method as recited in claim 33, wherein the publishing  
2 comprises publishing the first configuration details at a first Web site associated  
3 with the first trading partner and the second configuration details at a second Web  
4 site associated with the second trading partner.

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6        37.    (Added) A method as recited in claim 33, wherein the publishing  
7 comprises posting the configuration details to a URL (universal resource locator)  
8 at the Web site.

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10       38.    (Added) A method as recited in claim 37, wherein the retrieving  
11 comprises addressing the URL to access the configuration details posted to the  
12 Web site.

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14       39.    (Added) A system comprising:  
15       a first computer system at a first trading partner;  
16       a second computer system at a second trading partner;  
17       the first computer system collecting first configuration details associated  
18 with the first trading partner and publishing the configuration details to a first Web  
19 site;

20       the second computer system collecting second configuration details  
21 associated with the second trading partner and publishing the configuration details  
22 to a second Web site;

23       the first computer system retrieving the second configuration details from  
24 the second Web site and automatically configuring for a trading relationship with  
25 the first trading partner using the second configuration details; and

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2 the first Web site and automatically configuring for a trading relationship with the  
3 first trading partner using the first configuration details.  
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